1   1.   A method comprising:

2   automatically searching for streaming video

3 files;

4   selecting particular streaming video files based

5 on keywords; and

6   generating representations of said streaming

7 video files organized by categories for display as a

8 graphical user interface.

1   2.   The method of claim 1 where automatically

2 searching for streaming video files includes automatically

3 searching for predetermined file extensions associated with

4 streaming video files.

1   3.   The method of claim 1 wherein automatically

2 searching for streaming video files includes automatically

3 searching for streaming video file extensions and for

4 keywords in web sites associated with said streaming video

5 files.

1   4.   The method of claim 3 wherein generating

2 representations of said streaming video files includes

3 organizing said video files into a category based on the

4 keyword used to locate said video file.

1   5.   The method of claim 1 including displaying a
2   graphical user interface containing representations of a
3   plurality of categories and video files associated with
4   said categories.

1   6.   The method of claim 5 including representing each
2   video file by a thumbnail frame.

1   7.   The method of claim 6 including automatically
2   playing said video file in response to a user selection of
3   said thumbnail video.

1   8.   The method of claim 1 including using said
2   keywords as category icons and displaying a plurality of
3   video files associated with each category icon.

1   9.   The method of claim 8 including accessing said
2   video file over the Internet in response to a user
3   selection of said video file.

1   10.   The method of claim 1 wherein automatically
2   searching for streaming video files includes periodically
3   automatically searching for streaming video files.

1   11.   An article comprising a medium storing
2   instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

3   automatically search for streaming video files;

4   select particular streaming video files based on

5   keywords; and

6   generate representations of said streaming video

7   files organized by categories for display as a graphical

8   user interface.

1   12. The article of claim 11 further storing

2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3   automatically search for predetermined file extensions

4   associated with streaming video files.

1   13. The article of claim 11 further storing

2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3   automatically search for streaming video file extensions

4   and for keywords in web sites associated with said

5   streaming video files.

1   14. The article of claim 13 further storing

2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3   organize said video files into a category based on the

4   keyword used to locate said video file.

1   15. The article of claim 11 further storing

2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3   display a graphical user interface containing

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4   representations of a plurality of categories of video files
5   associated with said categories.

1   16. The article of claim 15 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3   represent each video file by a thumbnail frame.

1   17. The article of claim 16 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3   automatically play said video file in response to a user
4   selection of said thumbnail video.

1   18. The article of claim 11 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to use
3   said keywords as category icons and display a plurality of
4   video files associated with each category icon.

1   19. The article of claim 18 further storing
2   instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3   access said video file over the Internet in response to a
4   user selection of said video file.

1   20. A system comprising:
2   a processor; and
3   a storage coupled to said processor, said storage
4   storing instructions that enable the processor to

5   automatically search for streaming video files, select

6   particular video files based on keywords, and generate

7   representations of said streaming video files organized by

8   categories for display as a graphical user interface.

1   21.   The system of claim 20 including a set-top box.

1   22.   The system of claim 21 including a television

2   receiver.

1   23.   The system of claim 21 including a remote control

2   unit.

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